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Mr Peter Hallahan
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hallahan

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Budget Estimates, Tuesday 27 May 2008

I am writing to clarify a statement that I made (page 125, Proof Committee Hansard, Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Budget Estimates, Tuesday 27 May 2008) covering advice about recognition of local government in the Constitution.

I had in fact not recollected that the Constitutional Policy Unit had prepared and discussed with me at the time a general paper for the Attorney-General on topical constitutional issues in January 2008. Local government was briefly mentioned in this paper.

Yours sincerely

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